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Serving With Pride

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Trick or Treat Trail

You are invited to the 14th Annual Trick or Treat Trail at National Oak Park on October 31st from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Dozens of organizations and local businesses will be handing out treats, and City employees will have pumpkin carvings for you to judge!

Don't forget to wear your costume!

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**Second KaBOOM! Playground Coming to Alvin!**

The City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a second KaBOOM! grant to rebuild the playground at Newman Park. On November 17, 2018 volunteers from the City of Alvin and Rebuild Texas Fund will build a great new place for kids to play, all in ONE day.

This partnership with KaBOOM!, the national nonprofit dedicated to giving kids the childhood they ought to have through great, safe places to play, by bringing play to those who need it most. The Rebuild Texas Fund has committed its resources to help create 15 community-designed playground projects in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Southeast Texas.

Michelle Nesrsta, Recreation Manager stated, "The goal is to ensure that kids have safe places to play, which is an important part in helping families in our community heal after the recovery from Hurricane Harvey. This project will help transform this area, and revitalize the spirit in the neighborhood".

Over 250 volunteers are needed to make this playground come to life. The Alvin community is encouraged to register to volunteer. It is promised to be an experience not to be forgotten. For those interested in helping with this build in any way are encouraged to contact Michelle Nesrsta, Recreation Manager at 281-388-4299.



October 2018*"Do or do not. There is no try." - Yoda***Did You Know?**

One of the City of Alvin's guiding goals identified in our comprehensive plan is to promote an 'Empowered Community;' actively pursue a variety of opportunities to inform, engage and empower our citizens to connect. To that end we strive to keep our website easy-to-navigate while providing residents with important information.

For example, the City's comprehensive plan, aka The Alvin Plan, as well as quarterly updates are posted on Economic Development's homepage. You can find the City's budget on the Finance page. And the status of street improvements and construction projects can be found on the Public Services page.

Check it all out online at www.alvin-tx.gov

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**Do You Recycle? Help Make a Difference!**

Waste Connections is our service provider for solid waste and recycling. Residential customers are issued one recycle cart, though you can put additional recyclables in a plastic bag on top of the cart.

Here are some reminders for recycling and required criteria:

- ◆ Place recycle cart out by 7 a.m. on your recycle date (check the website: www.alvin-tx.gov/page/ub.recycling)
- ◆ Although not required, rinsing recyclables before placing in the container will help reduce odor.
- ◆ Paper – DO NOT include paper with adhesive or waxed paper
- ◆ Aluminum beverage cans—make sure they are completely empty and rinsed
- ◆ Plastic bottles—check the allowed numbers on the bottle (1,2,3,4,5 or 7) and remove caps. DO NOT include plastic bags, Styrofoam containers, shipping 'peanuts' or bubble wrap
- ◆ Tin/bi-metal containers (fruit, vegetable and soup cans) - empty and rinse
- ◆ Cardboard – must be broken down
- ◆ Glass – bottles and jars (remove lids, rinse and no broken glass; DO NOT include mirrors, windows, ceramics and other glass products)

Staff Spotlight**Jim Cargile****Fire Department
Firefighter I****Length of time working for the City of Alvin:***6 years***Three things most people don't know about you:**

1) I've been in the fire service for 16 years, 2) I enjoy cooking competition BBQ, and 3) I love watching cartoons with my kids.

What would people be surprised if they knew: *I thought I had a passion for riding bulls, until I realized how much it hurt.*

What is your Motto or personal mantra: *Do right the first time; double work is hard work.*

What have you always wanted to try but never have: *A cruise*

